

Below is information provided to recycling coordinators on 1/30/14 via memo and 5/29/14 via email regarding Convenience Centers and Recycling Depots.

Via letter:

At our last Municipal Recycling Coordinators meeting, Ross M. Hull of the NJDEP gave a presentation regarding convenience centers, recycling depots, and exempt recycling activities. A number of questions have arisen as a result of the presentation. I have attempted to address those questions in the bullet points below.

- Recycling depots are for Class A materials (glass, tin, aluminum, and plastic containers, mixed paper, newspaper, and cardboard) and non-container plastics only. There is no restriction on the type of vehicle that can deliver Class A materials to a recycling depot. There can be no processing (e.g. sorting) of Class A materials at that recycling depot.
- Convenience centers are for drop-off of any other recyclable materials or solid waste (tires, paint, construction debris, brush, bulky waste). However the only vehicles that are allowed to drop-off convenience center materials are passenger automobiles bearing general registration plates. No processing is allowed at convenience centers.
- A municipality can have a recycling depot and a convenience center at the same location. However, any vehicles with commercial plates can only drop-off Class A materials or non-container plastics.
- If you wish to allow businesses to drop-off recyclable materials other than Class A or non-container plastics at your site, you must file for an exemption and comply with the regulations at 7:26A-1.4 (please contact Mr. Hull at (609) 984-5936 to discuss this further). Please remember that the County programs for paint, tires and e-waste do not accept business-generated materials, regardless of whether your site is operating under an exemption.
- There are no notification requirements for recycling depots or convenience centers.
- There is no exemption that would allow a business to drop-off solid waste (including mixed construction debris) at your site.

If you have any other questions, please contact our office. Thank you.

Via email:

Convenience centers can only accept waste & recyclables from passenger vehicles (which includes some pickup trucks but not box trucks). The passenger vehicle cannot have a GVW that exceeds 9,000 pounds.

Convenience centers can also accept material from a passenger vehicle towing a trailer if the combined GVW does not exceed 16,000 pounds and the towing vehicle does not exceed 9,000 pounds.

All passenger vehicles must have general license plates (NJ plate with the words "Garden State" on the bottom). It does not matter if the passenger vehicle is owned by the resident or is rented, as long as it is determined by the municipality that it is the homeowner's waste, the vehicle has a general registration plate, and the vehicle(s) do not exceed the GVW listed above.

Municipalities can set additional restrictions as they see fit.